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Applicant: Gordon *et al.*

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LINE DEVICE

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

To the Official Action

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Examiner: Daniel V. Venne

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REMARKS

Further to the Applicant's Response dated May 14, 2007, the Applicant offers the following additional information in relation to the Examiner's objection to Claim 1 as lacking novelty in light of Blue.

As previously noted, Blue discloses a spring loaded pawl on a shaft that is biased downward radially so the "distal end" of the pawl engages a notch in the rope wheel when a draw lever is in the closed position, and the "distal end" of the pawl is drawn out of the notches radially as the